

'AL'S' SOAP CLEANSER GOES CHASING VOTES

Former Governor Appears at Headquarters in a Jocular Mood.

OFF ON TRIP TO-NIGHT

Says Other Side Has All the Money and He Has the Right Side of Fight.

DENIES EXTRAVAGANCE

Insists He Had to Keep Republicans From Raids With Their Pork Barrel Bills.

His derby tilted far back, a cigar slanting upward and wearing a broad, happy smile, Alfred E. Smith strode into his new headquarters in the Biltmore Hotel yesterday afternoon bearing a cake of soap in hand and called out, "We are going to clean up in this campaign," and he exhibited the soap as evidence. It bore the words "Business man and executive, Alfred E. Smith for Governor. Vote for him."

The authors of this new form of campaign argument give assurance that the advice will not wash out until the last ounce of the soap is used.

Tilting a chair against a long mahogany table and sitting straddle, as is his custom, with the derby still tilted and the cigar pointing up, the ex-Governor faced a dozen interviewers and declared that the campaign was off with a bang.

Says He Has No Money.
About the first question shot at him was how his personal committee was going to manage its campaign funds in keeping with the new law which limits contributions to such personally conducted bodies to \$10,000 or less. That was a poser. Al hadn't heard of it, but he answered:

"We haven't got any money; the other side has the money. What difference does it make? Money is no good in a campaign any more. In the old days the goulash did the work, but no more. The Government's side can have all the money. You have to be on the right side to win now, and I am right."

It should be explained that the Democratic nominee's smile was the first he had had for several days and had come only an hour before when he left Dr. Stone's sanitarium in Brooklyn, where he had been assured that his sister, Mrs. John Glynn, had passed the critical stage of her illness and was out of danger. She underwent a serious operation last Friday and not until yesterday would the physicians give Mr. Smith, who spent many hours at the hospital, the assurance that the crisis was passed.

"Stronger Up-State Now."
"Well, everything is satisfactory; going fine," the nominee went on. "All I hear is good. I am stronger up-State than two years ago and I have the right side of the argument. Miller is on the defensive now and I propose to keep him there through the campaign, and if he can defend that administration of his successfully he is a wonder."

"When you are going to answer Miller's charge that your administration was wasteful and demoralized?" After puffing at his cigar a moment, the answer came:

"I am never going to answer that because everybody knows it isn't true. The Governor made that statement at his notification at Cooper Union after he observed there were 250 empty seats and he had had an argument with Sam Koenig about the way the meeting was run. He must have been a little peeved or he wouldn't have said it."

Mr. Smith has about decided to travel on regular trains when he starts next week campaigning up-State.

A special Pullman costs \$10,000 a week, and we haven't got the price," he said. "I will go up to Troy next week on the regular train. The only tough jump I will have is from Troy to Coxsack, and we can stand that. Then the rest of the trip is little sixty mile a day jumps, and we will make most of them in automobiles."

Finds Himself Fit.
"Are you fit for the campaign?" "All set. Most rid of the rheumatism; dieting and taken off twenty pounds. Feel fine. We will hit the trail hard next week. I have just been reading over Col. Bill Donovan's speech in which he says 'Good natured Al was willing to pass out everything the boys wanted.'"

"The Colonel is a good soldier and I have a soft spot for the old Sixty-ninth, with which he fought, but when a good soldier plunges into politics he sometimes talks about things he knows nothing about."

"The fact is that I had to curb a good natured Republican Legislature which was willing to give away the State if it could put the blame on me. Donovan wants to get the history right. Most of the stuff they put over I held

Betting Favors Miller With Odds of 6 to 5

WITH the world series a thing of the past the attention of Wall Street bettors yesterday again turned toward the coming gubernatorial election in this State, and a number of good sized wagers were placed.

According to G. B. de Chadenes, 20 Broad street, several bets were made during the day at odds of 6 to 5 that Gov. Miller will win, the largest single transaction of that firm having been one of \$1,200 against \$1,000.

At the close of business De Chadenes & Co. reported that they had \$1,200 to place on Smith and were asking odds of 6 to 5.

up. During the last night of the last session I was there a Republican leader stood up and waved a claims bill in the Senate chamber and shouted so it could be heard all the way to the Battery. Here's one that will make trouble for Al."

"Cut All He Could."
"Anybody with a claim bill got it through that year. There was one dating back to the war of 1812, that had been up every year since, and they shot it through. Donovan has got the wrong fellow, that's all the trouble with him."

"I took seven millions out that the Legislature put in, and I would have taken more out, but they had the appropriations tied up so they could not be separated."

"The Republican Legislature didn't send the two platoon bill to Miller; they sent it to 'good natured Al' too."

Mr. Smith said he expected to remain on the Port Authority Commission until the people had passed judgment in the election. He will open his campaign in Yonkers this evening, confer with his campaign managers to-morrow, Thursday afternoon he will address the soldiers of the Rhine army who have just returned to Port Hamilton and in the evening speak to Italians at Star Casino in connection with the Columbus Day celebration. The managers in charge of the new headquarters are Joseph M. Proskauer, John E. Giehrst and Bernard Sheltag. Charles E. Norris of Carthage is in charge of Syracuse headquarters.

The Democratic State Committee will open its headquarters in the Commodore to-day, and Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Democratic nominee for United States Senator, will have his headquarters at the Murray Hill Hotel.

The working plan of the State finance committee of the Democratic campaign showed that the State has been divided into seven zones, with chairmen as follows: Fay P. Greene, Olean, in Districts 1, 2 and 3; Edward D. Spencer, Hudson Falls, the other four. Conferences have been arranged in each.

ELECTION DAY HIS BIRTHDAY.

Copeland's Hope Recalls Incident of Curran's Failure.

Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Democratic candidate for United States Senator, will be 54 years old on November 7, election day. Dr. Copeland in an address Sunday night said he expects to hold a double celebration on his birthday this year.

With no intention of casting gloom on Dr. Copeland's plans, it is recalled that Henry H. Curran, Republican candidate for Mayor of New York a year ago, in his campaign speeches frequently mentioned the fact that his birthday fell on election day and he expected to celebrate that event simultaneously with his election as Mayor. Mr. Curran lost by 400,000 odd votes.

"Not Criticizing Groups."
The Governor said he wasn't criticizing "special groups" such as Mr. Smith had said he was glad to accede to, for such groups have a purpose to perform and are right in going to the Government. "But if they are permitted to control Government," he added, as regards these blocs, "they will run away with government, and if they are permitted to get their arms into the State Treasury they will get in clear up to their necks, and they will justify themselves by the plea that it is for a worthy purpose."

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GOV. MILLER ASSAILS SMITH AS A SPENDER

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another kind of special interests. He called them 'The special interests of the people.' He took pride in the assertion that every time any one of them came to him it got what it wanted if a Republican legislature did not prevent it.

"If that is not being controlled I do not know what is. Now I will admit that if you were to choose between two sorts of government, one controlled by special corporate interests and the other by the particular groups seeking either some group advantage or to exploit some fancy in the belief they were greatly benefiting their fellow men, I would say your choice should be the second kind, the kind Mr. Smith boasts he gave the people."

"The first is sinister, selfish, sordid, corrupt. The second is usually dominated by worthy purposes, whatever they may do, but there is still a third kind of government, that exercised solely in the public interest, and that is the kind of government I claim to stand for."

Corporation Lawyer.

"I have been accused of being a corporation lawyer as well as reactionary. Well, the State of New York is a great business corporation, with almost eleven million stockholders, and for two years that corporation has been my sole client. For two years I have been trying to serve the interests of those eleven million stockholders and not of a part of them only."

Then the Governor got down to figures and to his real theme—economy with a capital E, and do you want it or don't you? He showed that \$54,000,000 was taken out of the pockets of the people in new taxes in the last year of Smith's administration, and this in addition to higher indirect taxes in the cost of things to eat and drink and to wear and the cost of shelter. For that all figures in extravagant government, whether it shows on the surface of things or not, the Governor reminded the voters of Utica.

"What about the other kind of government?" he asked. "We took out of the taxpayer's pocket last year \$23,500,000 less than were taken out the year before. He says we dipped into the surplus. We did take two million out of the surplus and it was not his surplus, either. The last time the books were balanced under him the surplus was \$31,000,000. The first time it was balanced under this administration after we had been in six months, it was \$43,000,000, and one of the reasons it was \$43,000,000 was that we didn't spend \$10,000,000 that his administration had appropriated."

Thermal Unit Measure.

A fact of wide interest was touched on when the Governor asserted that the decision of the Public Service Commission substituting the thermal unit measure for candle power measure in gas service, is in the best interests of the public, since the public under the new measurement would now know what it was paying for, what the gas companies are really giving.

He asserted that the commission had brought about reduction in gas rates in more than thirty cities of the State. A general reduction in the telephone rate had been ordered, but that was reversed by the Federal Court and was now on its way to the Supreme Court.

administration no such thing could possibly have been done."

The rest of the Governor's address was a recital—and a very earnest recital—of the precise achievements and accomplishments of his two years in office. He mentioned education and recalled that with all the decreases \$2,000,000 had been spent for the common school appropriations, more than had been spent in the last year of Smith's rule, with more for public health and more for agriculture by a million. He went on over one governmental activity and public service after another and brought out the figures to show that the best of Mr. Smith's administration had been exceeded and excelled.

He showed that highways construction, with all its difficulties, had been doubled; that a definite beginning has been made toward development by the State of public water power that had been running out to sea while politicians merely talked; of the deepening and dredging of the barge canal and the general improvement of the canal at a much less cost of maintenance than under Mr. Smith and on a pay as you go policy.

Traction Situation.

Then he turned to the traction situation again, answering Mr. Smith's charge that he, Gov. Miller, was "controlled," and asserted that under Mr. Smith and Mr. Smith's transit agencies an effort was made to raise street car fares in New York. He explained the folly of permitting all public utilities to be regulated by the municipalities, saying:

"Think for a moment what that would involve. A State commission to regulate those in more than one municipality; a commission in each municipality for the utilities wholly within that municipality. Most of the utilities extend beyond your traction lines, certainly. Most of the electric light and gas companies do; certainly the telephone companies. But if it so happens that there was some little, small public utility wholly within the municipality it would come about from that proposal that you would have as many different public service commissions, governed by as many different standards of requirements and rules as there were municipalities in the State, some dealing with one public utility in a given municipality and a State body applying a different rule for measuring by a different standard except as they might be controlled by the courts to apply to a small utility which happened to extend beyond the limits of a municipality."

"You can readily see what a hedge-podge that would produce. They do not believe any such thing. That declaration was put in the platform merely to please Mayor Hyman and Mr. Hearst. No one thinks for a moment of putting it into effect."

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MILLER ASKS HYLAN TO ASSIST M'ANENY

Governor Tells Mayor if 200,000 Persons Walk It Will Be His Fault.

Turns Down Bus Plea

Says There Is No Need of an Extra Session of the Legislature.

The reply of Gov. Miller to Mayor Hyman, refusing the request of the Board of Estimate that he call an extra session of the Legislature to nullify the injunction against the illegal operation of buses was made public yesterday.

The Governor's letter makes it clear that the city may operate buses legally through application to the Transit Commission and without either the interruption of service or the unrestricted surrender of streets to franchise holders such as was feared by Grover A. Whalen, Commissioner of Plant and Structures, in his statement of last Saturday.

The Governor informs the Mayor that he is not refusing in a contentious spirit and cordially urges the Mayor to get together with the Transit Commission, of which George McAneny is chairman.

Gov. Miller's letter follows in part: "It is not necessary to call an extra session of the Legislature. There is now a way, during all of the time of the illegal operation of bus lines there has been a way, to provide for their legal operation. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment, whose control over the city's streets has not been interfered with, whatever may have been said to the contrary, now has the power and has had the power all the time to initiate lawful operation by precisely the same people of precisely the same lines as have been permitted unlawfully to operate. True, a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Transit Commission is also required, but I am sure that you need not fear obstruction from that quarter."

"Political Purposes."

"If time is required to comply with charter provisions, you can undoubtedly obtain a stay on showing a bona fide intention to comply with the decision of the court by substituting lawful operation for unlawful operation. Thus the 200,000 passengers referred to in the resolution may be accommodated. If they are compelled to walk, you and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment alone will be responsible."

"I cannot believe that you will subject 200,000 people to the 'great hardship and loss of time and money' which you say in the resolution will result from the discontinuance of bus routes merely to capitalize their grievance for political purposes."

"I noted your instruction to your corporation counsel to appeal from the decision of Mr. Justice Mulligan. That will not prevent the 200,000 people referred to in the resolution from having to walk. There is only one way to serve those people, if service instead of the cultivation of a grievance is the purpose. That is the lawful way. You have the Initiative. The Chairman of the Transit Commission has already announced that that body will cooperate."

"I note your objection to granting franchises and I thoroughly agree with

you that the transit problem in New York ought not to be complicated by unrestricted franchise grants at this time. The resolution recites the existence of an emergency. Franchises may be granted under such restrictions and safeguards and so limited in point of time as fully to protect the city's control of its streets."

"Full With Commission."

"You object to franchises to private operators, but the present operators are private operators. Some of them have been operating for three years."

"You ask that the city be given power to appropriate money to buy buses and to operate bus lines. There is a fundamental objection to doing that at this time, when the plan is nearly completed for the establishment of a unified, municipally owned system to be operated for a single fare, which the Transit Commission after careful investigation and study now assure me can be a five cent fare and possibly less in time. If a unified system is to be established it must be treated as a whole, not piecemeal."

"The truth is that the plan which you profess to want, the plan which the people certainly want, the plan which the Transit Commission since its creation has steadily been working for, is much nearer consummation than many people realize. If you would only pull the Transit Commission instead of pulling apart that consummation could be brought still nearer to the great relief and satisfaction of the public. To do what you now ask, to treat the bus problem independently, would inevitably cause a pulling apart when there is at least some hope that at last you may be able to pull together."

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

LAUNCH ACTIVE FIGHT

Open Headquarters and Plan for Meetings and Dinners.

Democratic women yesterday started active campaign work for the election of the State ticket. They have headquarters in suite 244 of the Hotel Biltmore, where every afternoon two or three women will be in charge. This is part of the Citizens' Committee program.

The Democratic Union of Manhattan Women, which has offices in East Fifty-ninth street, announces a series of campaign luncheons after noon meetings and dinners beginning next Monday at 4 P. M. at the house of Mrs. David E. Houston, 393 Park avenue. These meetings will be held two or three times a week in various neighborhoods until election. Miss Frances Perkins will be the principal speaker Monday.

On November 2 the union will hold a rally for the Democratic candidates at the Town Hall. Former Gov. Smith and the entire ticket will be represented on the program.

TWO PARTIES SUPPORT DENNIS FOR SENATOR

Socialists and Farmer-Labor Men Nominate Veteran.

John W. Dennis of Rochester yesterday was nominated for United States Senator by both Socialist and Farmer-Labor parties. The nomination completes the State tickets of both organizations.

Dennis is one of the veterans of the Socialist party. Last year he was a candidate for Mayor of Rochester. He was a member of the Iron Molders Union for more than a score of years and ran for various offices on the Socialist ticket in those stages of the party's history when election was impossible. The nomination marks an-

other step in lining up active trade-unions on the political ticket of both the Socialist and Farmer-Labor parties.

SMITH, COPELAND, LUNN GIVE TAMMANY PRIMER

Odd Triumvirate of Wigwam's Old Foes Coaches Faithful.

Another evidence of the queer things politics will do was seen last evening in Tammany Hall when Alfred E. Smith, Royal S. Copeland and Mayor George Lunn all spoke from the same platform. They addressed 400 orators, telling them what to say and what not to say in the campaign.

It was the first time since he was nominated that Mr. Smith had visited the hall and the first time that Dr. Copeland ever spoke there. Mayor Lunn, former Socialist, for years pictured the Wigwam as the worst spot in the world. But all were pulling together last evening as they told the spellbinders how to dress up the arguments and what to feed to the political public in the way of canned oratory.

It was a secret session and the orators were told not to reveal their instructions. But when they are turned loose to-morrow they will be armed with political information with which the unsuspecting public will be thrilled for the next month.

Mayor Lunn is counted on as one of the star performers. The schedules are being arranged so that he will appear on the same platform two or three times a week with either Mr. Smith or Dr. Copeland.

VOLUNTEERS TO WATCH VOTES.

Volunteer watchers are being recruited by the Honest Ballot Association, which has opened headquarters at 370 Seventh avenue, in preparation for the coming campaign. Charles E. Hughes, Jr., is president. Several civic organizations are cooperating in the work.

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